

SMiP Foundations 2: Multinomial-Processing-Tree Modeling

Basic Methods and Recent Advances

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Workshop Day 1: Essentials of MPT Modeling (Thursday, April 27, 10:00-17:30, R 211 in B6, 30-32)

- 10:00 – 11:15 Basics (Instructor: EE)
 - Introduction to standard MPT models (logic, examples, advantages, limitations)
 - Model development (model construction, paradigm, data structure, identifiability)
 - Parameter estimation (maximum likelihood, minimum χ^2 , power-divergence statistics)
 - Model assessment (G^2 , Pearson's χ^2 , and the PD^λ family of goodness-of-fit statistics)
- Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Application I (Instructor: EE & DH)
 - Introduction to multiTree: EQN syntax, data files, batch analysis
 - Practical exercises
 - Order constraints
- Noon Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Advanced features of multiTree (Instructor: EE)
 - Identifiability concepts and checks provided by multiTree
 - A priori and post hoc statistical power analyses
 - Model selection (AIC, BIC, NML, and FIA criterion)
- Break
- 15:15 – 17:00 Application II (Instructor: EE & DH)
 - Workflow with multiTree: Developing and testing a new MPT model
 - Using advanced features in multiTree
 - Optional: Testing interactions (EE)

Workshop Day 2: Advances in MPT Modeling (Friday, April 28, 9:00-16:30, R 211 in B6, 30-32)

- 9:00 – 10:15 Bayesian hierarchical MPT modeling (Instructor: DH)
 - MPT models & heterogeneity
 - Hierarchical MPT models
 - Bayesian estimation with MCMC sampling
 - Adding continuous covariates
- Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 Application III (Instructor: DH)
 - Practical exercises on hierarchical MPT modeling using TreeBUGS
 - Basics: Model fitting, convergence, plots, model fit
 - Advanced: Within-/between-subject comparisons, covariates, simulation
- Noon Break
- 13:00 – 14:00 Overview of mixture models for continuous data (Instructor: DH)
 - Modeling response times with histograms (MPT-RT)
 - Parametric modeling with generalized processing trees (GPT)
 - Serial process model for response times (RT-MPT)

- *Break*
- 14:15 - 16:00 Application IV (Instructors: DH & EE)
 - Questions and answers
 - Developing and testing (new) models suggested by the participants